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Dear Mr. Helms:

On May 26, President Nixon sent a memorandum to you asking that you direct your attention to two questions: "First, how, as part of its various program, your agency can most vigorously assist the arts and artists; second, and perhaps more important, how the arts and artists can be of help to your agency and to its programs."

Since the President took the occasion of his address to Associated Councils of the Arts' national conference to make public note of this memorandum, we feel that we should offer the resources of our organization to assist you in preparing your response if you find this helpful.

ACA is a national organization of state and community arts councils, arts organizations, artsits (both visual and performing) and other concerned citizens. Concurrent with our conference this year we published "Washington and the Arts". This is a fairly accurate summary of existing federal programs and regulations that involve or affect the arts. Our conference explored the policy, or lack of it, that underlies federal concern.

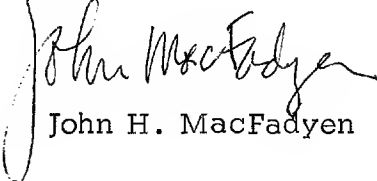
ACA may be able to contribute to the development of your policy with regard to:

1. Programs in cooperation with other federal agencies and departments.
2. Programs in cooperation with state arts councils.
3. Programs in cooperation with community arts councils and other community organizations.
4. Programs in cooperation with community arts councils and other community organizations.
5. Programs in cooperation with working artists and local arts organizations and institutions.

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We are not familiar enough with the workings of your agency to know whether or not we can be of help. If you think we can in any way, please feel free to call on us, or designate any of your colleagues to do so. We believe the need for federal arts policy exists; we are anxious to be of any help we can.

Sincerely,



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